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FDA Commissioner  
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Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner:

I am opposed to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered foods. They are inadequate. I hold a master's degree in immunology, and hence have an indepth understanding at the manner in which our bodies can react to the smallest protein on a cell. While it seems probably that GE foods are safe, there is a risk and I demand to have a right to know what is in the food I consume.

Also, I have Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, an illness that is linked to environmental sensitivities. Many believe that those with CFS are "canaries in the coal mine" in that our bodies are more sensitive to the toxins accumulating in our environment, and we are the first to show signs and symptoms that reflect the toxicity around us. There is a risk that GE foods could trigger additional reactions in those of us who are highly sensitive. Please support my right to know what is in the food I consume.

I fully support the following:

- All GE foods and food ingredients should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory premarket safety testing.
- There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

Thank you for hearing my voice on this issue.

Sincerely,



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